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VISIT THE SOVIET UNION

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 1897
B. THE HAGUE 1836 (NOT SENT MOSCOW)

1. CORNELIS BERKHOUWER, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, INFORMED A MISSION OFFICER AT STRASBOURG ON APRIL 25 THAT HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT ON MAY 1 WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS, KUZENTSOV, TO DISCUSS HIS INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. BERKHOUWER SAID THAT DURING THEIR EARLIER CONVERSATION (REF A), AMBASSADOR KUZENTSOV HAD STATED THAT THE PRIMARY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BERKHOUWER IN MOSCOW WOULD BE CSCE. ALTHOUGH BERKHOUWER BELIEVES THE SOVIETS WERE AWARE THAT CSCE DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, HE WILL STRESS THIS FACT AGAIN DURING HIS CONVERSATION ON MAY 1 TO BE SURE THIS IS UNDER-
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STOOD. WIJSENBECK, BERKHOUWER'S CHEF DE CABINET,

PROMISED TO LET US KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 1 CONVERSATION.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE IS DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE BUREAU OF THE PARLIAMENT (THE EXECUTIVE BODY WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENTS, AND THE LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS) REGARDING THE INVITATION. ACCORDING TO THESE CONVERSATIONS, THE BUREAU HAS NOT YET AGREED THAT BERKHOUWER SHOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND, IF HE DOES ACCEPT, WHO SHOULD ACCOMPANY HIM ON THE VISIT.
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